

SONS

of
RICH MAN
POOR MAN
BEGGAR MAN
THIEF



"STAN"

—twelve years old—
and lives in a basement
...

★
financial reverses drove
even good Scotch folks
out of a small millinery
business

★
and charity had to be
taken except when an
occasional job could be
found

★
with two sisters as his
playmates and no boy
companions

★
but now he's a Boy
Scout and he's a reg-
ular fellow in his troop

★
a scholarship sent him
to camp and his Scout-
master got him a uni-
form

★
Is he proud?

★

AN ANNUAL REPORT OF MORE THAN FACTS AND FIGURES!

1934

CHICAGO COUNCIL
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IN OUR 24th YEAR REACHING MORE BOYS THAN EVER!

17,552 boys enrolled . . . AN ALL-TIME CHICAGO
RECORD. Last year's membership was 17,044

THREE AGE GROUPS IN SCOUTING

Boys	Units
1,378 Cubs (9 to 11 years of age).....	80 Packs
15,322 Boy Scouts (12 and up).....	596 Troops
852 Sea Scouts (15 and up).....	53 Ships

17,552 TOTAL on January 1, 1934.....729

"SKETCHES OF SCOUTS"

used in this report authentically portray the lives
and problems of actual Chicago boys.

PREVENTING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

By the Activities and "Character Building"
Values of Scouting FOR ALL BOYS

ESPECIALLY FOR BOYS IN CHICAGO'S UNDERPRIVILEGED AREAS

20% of the city's area is classed as having ex-
cessive delinquency

130 units (troops, ships and packs) operate in
these areas.

17.8% of Scout units and

15.9% of our membership are within these areas.

AND FOR BOYS IN FAMILIES AFFECTED BY DEPRESSION

533 Scouts were sent to camp "free" with full
or partial camp scholarships

All came from families of the unemployed,
most of which were receiving charity.

75% of these Scouts had never been to a sum-
mer camp previously.



"FRANKLIN"

—his father is serving a
year in the county jail

★
drunkenness and non-
support

★
no wonder the condi-
tions get on Franklin's
nerves

★
when mother did get a
few day's work in the
loop, the "old man"
used to take the money

★
Franklin has been afraid
of water, but he
learned to swim at
camp when he went
there free of charge

★
mother is grateful for
Scouting

★



"WARREN"

—a victim of infantile paralysis—cannot walk a step without crutches

★
but he became an Eagle Scout

★
and then joined the Sea Scout Ship at the school for crippled children

★
now he even holds the rank of Quartermaster—the peak of all Sea Scout achievement

★
he's the school baseball pitcher and he sits down to pitch

★
"a peach of a Scout!"

★

SCOUTING FOR HANDICAPPED BOYS

	No. of Units
Deaf, blind, crippled, and sanitarium boys.....	7
Mexican and Oriental.....	1
Settlement houses	33
Boys' Clubs in congested areas.....	13
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TOTAL HANDICAPPED UNITS 54

SCOUTING FOR NEGRO BOYS

29 units in which are enrolled 634 Negro Scouts. A full time Negro worker, in cooperation with a representative group of Chicago Negroes, gives leadership to the program.

A WIDE VARIETY OF SPONSORING INSTITUTIONS

- 26 American Legion Posts
- 61 Clubs, Associations, and Miscellaneous
- 6 Industries
- 5 Y. M. C. A.'s
- 24 Parks and Playgrounds
- 9 Boys' Clubs
- 33 Community Centers
- 5 Knights of Columbus
- 11 Public Schools
- 394 Protestant Churches
- 124 Catholic Churches
- 31 Jewish Synagogues

FOR YOUNGER BOYS—THE CUBS

A PROGRAM BUILT AROUND THE HOME—

Served 1378 Boys—9 to 11 Years of Age in 1933

On the premise that the lives and characters of boys are strongly influenced by their associations and activities at even a younger age than that of our Boy Scouts, the Cub program has been developed.

Its activities are more individualistic than those of Scouting, as is befitting the age group, and they revolve about the home with parental guidance.

FOR OLDER BOYS—THE SEA SCOUTS

A PROGRAM BUILT AROUND THE LORE OF THE SEA AND ACTIVITY ON LAKE MICHIGAN

Served 852 Chicago boys—15 years and older in 1933

The program includes boat building, repairing and care of boats, long and short lake cruises, sailing contests, cutter races, ice boating, and hockey matches, together with social activities.

Forty-five yachtsmen used Sea Scouts on their yachts this summer.

Two lads built their own boat—took a 500 mile cruise on Lake Michigan.

Sixty Sea Scouts acted as a ground crew for the attempted stratosphere flight—made rescues while on service at International Regatta—sixty Scouts and their boats aided the Balboa expedition.



"JOE"

—where he lives a fellow usually joins a tough alley gang at an early age

★
they pick pockets, smash windows, break up organized meetings —

★
fortunately Joe got into a Scout "gang"

★
his neighborhood is the most thickly populated square mile in Chicago

★
Joe's folks are separated — now that mother is ill, he's had to quit school

★
he's seventeen—no job—tough days ahead . . . he needs the Scouting influence

★



"BILL"

—his parents are both professional people, dad being a successful doctor

★
Bill's had every advantage

★
an intelligent mother solved the problem of her son's interests and companions while she worked

★
she encouraged him to join Scouting and has closely followed his activities in it

★
his letters from camp have drawn them closer together

★
and now she's happy, for Bill's an "EAGLE" Scout

★

THE PROGRAM OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES LEARNING BY DOING

IN THE FIELD OF VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE

14,547 merit badges were awarded in 1933, in a diversity of over one hundred subjects ranging practically the entire scope of the fields of vocational and avocational interests.

120 BOY SCOUTS REACHED "EAGLE" RANK

by demonstrating satisfactory knowledge of civics, camping, first aid, life saving, public health, personal health, cooking and an optional choice of kindred and vocational subjects, to a total of twenty-one such merit badges.

8 SEA SCOUTS ACHIEVED QUARTERMASTER RANK

the goal of every Sea Scout which involves a demonstration of handling and repairing the several types of boats; at least one cruise of two weeks' length and numerous short cruises; qualifying for Senior American Red Cross Life Saving award; and many additional requirements having to do with the lure and love of the sea.

437 BOYS TOOK TRAINING COURSES

in first aid, patrol leadership, and other elements of Scout technique.

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These represent only a few of the higher achievements, literally thousands of others being part of the year's accomplishments.

SERVICE TO OTHERS TRAINING FOR CITIZENSHIP

AT "A CENTURY OF PROGRESS"

Over 3,100 Scouts were on duty for one, two or three days each.

They filled 7,500 assignments, each requiring five or six hours' time.

They lived in a camp right in the Fair.

700 Scouts were on duty at the Scout handicraft exhibit at Enchanted Island.

AND ALL THROUGH THE YEAR

they served at such functions as the few examples which follow:

Chicago Tuberculosis Institute—

142 units helped with the sale of Christmas seals

American Red Cross

176 units aided the "Annual Roll Call"

American Legion Convention

600 Scouts on duty

National Safety Council

78 troops made surveys of accidents within the home

Memorial Day

Decorated graves of old soldiers throughout the city.



"GEORGE"

—a Negro boy—

★
struggled desperately and secured the means to finish high school

★
got a job in a lawyer's office—poor pay

★
father died three years ago

★
George lost his job—family is threatened with the loss of their home—

★
yet at twenty-one, imbued with the ideals and principles of Scouting, he faces the world with a determination to win a livelihood—

★
and gives unstintingly of his time and efforts as a Scoutmaster of a fine troop of negro Scouts

★



"MIKE"

—who is thirteen and went on his first troop hike recently

★

"Are we out of Chicago yet?" he kept asking his Scoutmaster

★

upon being advised that they now were, he said—"Geel I've never been out of the city before"

★

his troop is in "The Valley"—a section of the city bounded by railroad yards, the river and huge industrial plants

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THE "OUTING" IN SCOUTING

the big adventure and the appeal to red-blooded Chicago Scouts

DURING THE SUMMER

	No. of Different Scouts	No. of Boy Days
At the six summer camps in Michigan, known as the Owasippe Scout Camps (Whitehall)...	1,327	19,608
And at the nearby camp in the Forest Preserves—Camp Kiwanis (Palos Park).....	849	4,420
Troop camps chartered by headquarters accommodated	823	9,683
A GRAND TOTAL OF.....	2,999	33,711

SCOUTS CAMPED ALL-YEAR-ROUND

(Figures do not include summer camps)

	No. of Scout Visits	No. of Boy Days
Council Forest Preserve Camps.....	15,957	33,760
Other registered hikes and short term camps..	21,814	31,468
Winter Camp for Eagle Scouts.....	26	104
TOTAL YEAR-ROUND CAMPING.....	37,797	65,332

AT SUMMER CAMP

- 125 Scouts learned to swim at least 50 feet.
- 294 Scouts became highly proficient swimmers, and achieved swimming merit badge.
- 454 Scouts and leaders earned American Red Cross Life Saving Awards.
- 2457 hikes—overnight and day—are on record.
- 2176 physical examinations made and correctional suggestions made to parents where defects were observed.

THE PURPOSEFUL USE OF LEISURE TIME

A program that's fun . . . activities that serve as outlets for youthful energy and interests

The highlights of the Council program of 1933 were:

50,000 troop and patrol meetings (ship and pack) were held throughout the year—a conservative estimate.

The "Boy Scout Circus" in May, with 10,000 boys participating,—a spectacular demonstration of Scout activity.

"Boy Scout Day" at "A Century of Progress" with 10,000 Chicago Scouts parading and participating in the ceremonies and exhibitions.

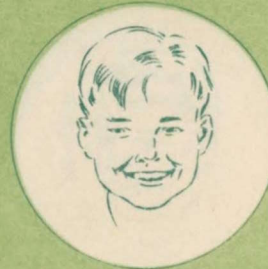
First Aid Contest—with 141 troop teams totaling 564 Scouts in this demonstration of the Scout motto "Be Prepared."

150 community, district and city activities were conducted, each involving a considerable participation of Scouts.

TROOP PROGRAMS IMPROVE

176 units rated "A" in 1933, as compared with 130 units in the previous year in the Council rating plan, which is a scientifically devised stimulus to better troop programming and administration.

In addition, a total of 281 units rated "satisfactory" as compared with 209 units in 1932 in that classification.



"JOHN"

—of a fairly wealthy family—dad a meat packer

★

was an invalid in childhood—accustomed to his own way

★

mother anxious to have him "up in front" in everything

★

temper tantrums—selfish—willful

★

but his Scoutmaster says John is getting over these undesirable traits in his contacts with the other Scouts

★

"The toughest merit badge I ever earned, was 'Pork Production'—my dad examined me in it!" says John

★



"NICK"

—the oldest of ten "kids," and he's seventeen now

★ never had good clothes nor many of the privileges most boys have

★ for just feeding and clothing ten children is enough for a railroad switchman's salary to accomplish

★ but life is brighter now for Nick's a patrol leader in the troop

★ and his gang has a patrol den in Nick's basement...

★ and new interests and responsibilities lie ahead!

★

TRAINING MEN TO LEAD BOYS

There are 4646 Scoutleaders. All are volunteers, with the exception of the professional staff which consists of only 11 men.

650 are leaders directly in charge of units—(troops, ships and packs).

245 are commissioners who visit the units and assist the unit leaders, keeping Scout Headquarters posted as to the needs and conditions. 1933 saw the greatest progress of our history in making these visitations frequent and effective.

FORMAL TRAINING COURSES FOR LEADERS included first, a course in fundamental principles of boy leadership, which was completed by 299 men.

The second course, majoring in Scoutcraft technique, enrolled 105 men who completed the work.

The advanced course—a college course—dealing with the psychology of boy leadership, was limited to 69 graduates.

51 Sea Scout leaders and 3 Cub leaders finished special courses of training for their respective fields.

Specialty courses involving 167 men were run in a widely varied field of program subjects.

COMPARISON OF COUNCIL INDEBTEDNESS

	Dec. 31, 1930	Dec. 31, 1933
Notes Payable	\$ 90,900.00	\$ 61,000.00
Accounts Payable	31,363.01	4,181.31
Mortgages and Bonds Payable..	28,000.00	3,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$150,263.01	\$ 68,181.31

	Dec. 31, 1930	Dec. 31, 1933
ENDOWMENTS (Assets)	\$36,432.50	\$40,100.00

THE FUNDS RAISED . . . AND HOW EXPENDED

1933 Income

Contributions—1933	\$ 89,307.51
Contributions—1932 (arrears)	2,474.34
Income—endowments	1,150.86
Profit—Boy Scout Circus.....	4,450.38
Joint Community Fund.....	9,305.00
Joint Community Fund for camp scholarships.....	1,600.00
TOTAL	\$108,288.09

1933 Expenditures

Headquarters Service (as a service station).....	\$ 32,722.42
National Quota	100.00
Interest on indebtedness	3,055.43
Program (activities, camping, educational program, civic service, Sea Scout and Cub activities, etc.).	21,392.61
"A Century of Progress" activities, service and exhibits	3,701.13
Field Service—to ships, packs, and troops; bulletins; and organization of new units.....	31,160.56
Leadership Training and Publicity	3,434.14
Camp Scholarships	1,600.00
Public Support—expense of securing renewals of contributions, collecting pledges, reporting to contributors, etc.	5,755.94
TOTAL	\$102,922.23

The accounts are annually audited by C. F. Eigelsbach,
Public Accountant.

COMPARISON—ANNUAL PER CAPITA COSTS

1933—\$5.86 lowest on record			
1932.....	\$ 6.96	1926.....	\$15.30
1931.....	9.82	1925.....	14.10
1930.....	15.86	1924.....	11.00
1929.....	13.70	1923.....	10.80
1928.....	13.60	1922.....	9.90
1927.....	14.40	1921.....	9.60



"TONY"

—one of a laborer's large family

★ mother in an institution for incurables

★ Tony sells newspapers

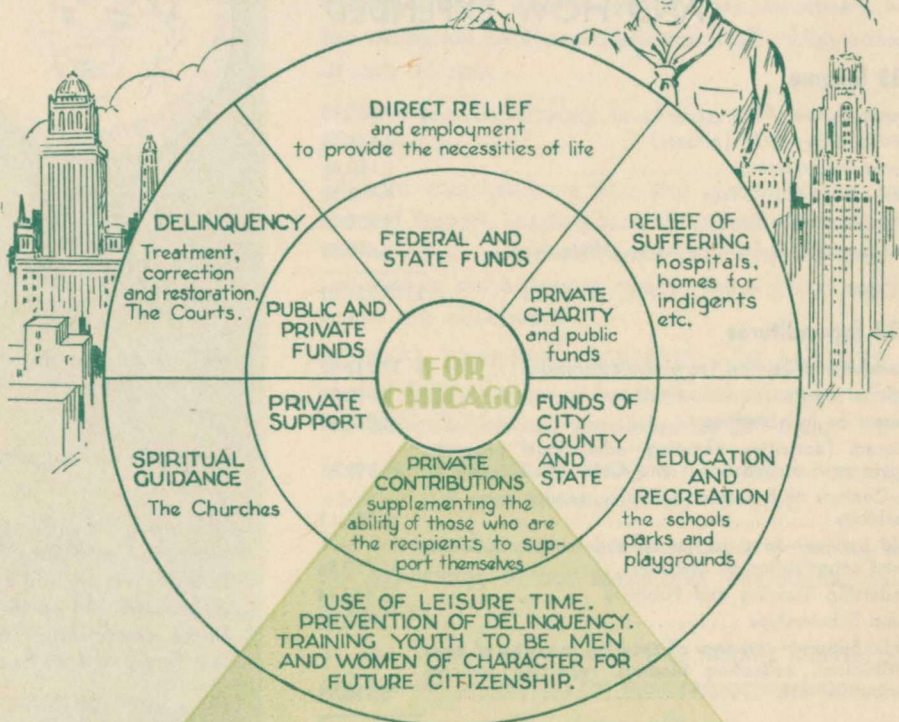
★ "Camp puts a week's happiness and sunshine in a life mostly sad and depressed. In spite of home conditions, Tony is a fine and true Scout

★ I know that his weekly contacts with the troop officers and the Scouts cheer and inspire him, and make it easier for him to carry on; also to look forward to better days.

★ He gets inspiration from Scouting, and he inspires us"—says his Scoutmaster

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THE PLACE OF THE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
IN A
ROUNDED PROGRAM OF
SOCIAL SERVICE



This is the field of the character building and recreational agencies of Chicago and among them none renders a more vital service to Chicago's youth than the Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America, as is manifest in this report.

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